



# *City of Ridgecrest* **Police Department**

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## **Press Release**

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2014

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** JUVENILE PARTY PATROL (TAPPED OPERATION)

The Ridgecrest Police Department conducted a "TAPPED" (Teenage Party Prevention Enforcement and Dispersal) on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Teen parties are one of the highest risk settings for youth alcohol problems. Teens often drink at large parties with peers, almost all of whom are underage. These parties can lack adult supervision and can lead to serious problems, including impaired driving, rape, other forms of violence, vandalism and property damage.

The TAPPED Operation consisted of four (4) officers of the Ridgecrest Police Department. These officers visited nine (9) locations of suspected juvenile parties. Over 120 persons were contacted with two subjects being arrested.

The Ridgecrest Police Department and ABC believe that aggressive enforcement mixed with public education will successfully limit the access of alcohol to minors and improve the quality of life in Ridgecrest. Funding for the operation was provided by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant Assistance Program (GAP).

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